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WHITEHOUSE FOR DR BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SADAT REPLY TO BEGIN LETTER

REF: CAIRO 07884

1. DELIVERED PRESIDENT SADAT'S LETTER TO PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN AT HIS RESIDENCE AT 1800 HOURS
(MARCH 11).
2. BEGIN HURRIED ME THROUGH USUAL SATURDAY EVENING
GATHERING OF EX-IRGUN PALS AND SHABAT REVELERS
TO HIS LIBRARY WHERE HE EAGERLY READ RESPONSE. UPON
FINISHING HE COMMENTED , "WHAT CAN I SAY MORE THAN IT
IS JUST ANOTHER OF HIS POLEMICAL LETTERS." I REPLIED
THAT I HAD NOT READ IT AS SUCH; IN FACE, I HAD THOUGHT
THERE WERE ELEMENTS OF THE LETTER WHICH COULD FAIRLY
BE CHARACTERIZED AS MODERATE IN TONE AND APPROACH.
3. MY RETORT APPARENTLY FELL ON DEAF EARS, FOR BEGIN
IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDED TO ZERO IN ON THE PARAGRAPH CITING
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THE INADMISSABILITY OF ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY WAR
WHICH HAD EMERGED AS A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL ORDER FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II. SADAT HAS
MISSED THE POINT, BEGIN SAID, THE OPPOSITE HAD HAPPENED.
THERE WERE FAR-REACHING CHANGES OF WHICH EVEN
SADAT MUST BE AWARE.

4. BEFORE BEGIN COULD PROCEED FURTHER, KADISHAI ENTERED TO ANNOUNCE THAT RABBI SCHINDLER WAS ON THE PHONE FROM NEW YORK. UPON RETURNING TO THE ROOM (AND LOOKING VERY DOWNCAST), BEGIN DID NOT PURSUE THE CONVERSATION. HE ASKED ONLY THAT I INFORM AMBASSADOR EILTS TO TELL SADAT HE HAD RECEIVED HIS MESSAGE, THAT HE THANKED HIM, AND THAT HE WOULD BE SENDING AN ANSWER THROUGH OUR RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON. HE HOPED TO HAVE A RESPONSE READY BY NEXT SATURDAY (MARCH 18) OR SUNDAY. BEGIN ENDED THIS PORTION OF OUR CONVERSATION BY NOTING THAT HE SUPPOSED THE MOST POSITIVE ASPECT OF THE SITUATION WAS THAT HE AND SADAT WERE ONCE AGAIN IN DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE.

5. COMMENT. BEGIN APPEARED VERY TIRED AND DISPIRITED. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN WORKING HARD ALL DAY PREPARING FOR HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. WHEN I URGED HIM TO GET A GOOD REST TONIGHT WANLY REPLIED THAT UNFORTUNATELY HE STILL HAD A GOOD BIT TO DO BEFORE RETIRING. HE CLEARLY DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS ANY SUBSTANTIVE ASPECT OF THE VISIT AND I DID NOT ENCOURAGE HIM.

6. AS I WAS DEPARTING BEGIN SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED JUST BEFORE I ARRIVED OF A TERRORIST INCURSION BY SEA NEAR HAIFA. HE HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS.

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